

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| In re Application of: | Hitoshi Inoue   | Confirmation No.: | 7303          |
| Application No.:      | 10/702,170  |                   |               |
| Filed:                | 11/4/2003   | Examiner:         | Steven Y. Kau |
| For:                  | IMAGE PROCESSING<br>APPARATUS, METHOD OF<br>SETTING TONAL GRADATION<br>CONVERSION<br>CHARACTERISTICS, AND<br>COMPUTER PROGRAM | Art Unit:         | 2625          |

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION / AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and a new sheet illustrating a new drawing Fig. 18 is submitted herewith.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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